

PROGRESSIVE SERIES STUDIES

No. 815x Grade 4-b

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Vivo quasi Presto

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First system of musical notation, measures 1-4. Treble and bass staves. Key signature: two flats (B-flat, E-flat). Time signature: 2/4. Measure 1 starts with a treble clef and a bass clef. Measure 1 has a treble staff with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F32, G32, A32, B32, 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27 *cresc.* 28 *f* 29 30 *mf* 31 32
 33 34 *p* 35 36 37 38 *p* 39
 40 41 42 43 *cresc.* 44 45 *f* 46
 47 *p* R. H. 48 *cresc.* 49 50 51 *mf* 52
 53 *dim.* 54 55 *p* 56 *cresc.* 57 58
 59 *mf* 60 61 *dim.* 62 *p* 63 64 *cresc.*

Musical notation includes treble and bass staves with various notes, rests, and articulation marks. Fingerings are indicated by numbers 1-5. Dynamics include *cresc.*, *f*, *mf*, *p*, and *dim.*. The piece is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

L.H. 3 R.H. 5 2 1 3 1 L.H. 3 R.H. 3 2 1 3 2 1 L.H. 3 R.H. 5 2 1 5 2

65 *mf* 66 *p* 67 68 *cresc.* 69 *mf* 70

Ad. *

5 1 5 1 5 2 4 2 4 2 4 2 5 2 5 1 5 1 5 2

71 3 3 72 *dim.* 73 74 *p* 75 76

3

2 1 3 1 4 1 4 1 4 1 3 1 5 1 2

77 78 *mf* 79 80 81 82 *p* 83 84

2 1 2 5 2 5 1 2 3 5 1 4 2

84 85 86 *p* 87 88 *cresc.* 89 90

1 3 1 2 4 1 3 5 1 2 4 1 2 3 5

91 *mf* 92 93 *mp* 94 95 96

5 1 3 1 2 5 1 2 1 2 1 5

5 1 4 1 8 5 2

97 *dim.* 98 99 *p* 100 *pp* 101 *f* 102 103

Ad. * *Ad.* *

2 5 2 4

NOTICE: The paragraphs printed under the heading "General Instructions" contain information on the special technical problems with which they deal. As they are used again and again in exactly the same form in the different annotations, the student will find it well worth while to commit them to memory. The teacher should question the student from time to time upon these paragraphs.

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Subject Matter: Wrist work. A Study in style and expression.

Directions for Practice: This Study, which will be found very effective musically, must be played with a loose wrist. It opens with an Introduction, the tempo of which varies from *presto* (in the descending triplets) to *moderato* (in the repeated chords). The *fermatas* in meas. 6 and 14 must not be overlooked; the first one occurs, it will be noticed, upon a rest, and the second upon a chord.

The Study proper commences at meas. 15. The rapid wrist work requires lightness of touch, and the ascending figures (as in meas. 15) should be played with a slight *crescendo* until the accent is reached. In order to prevent tension when playing repeated double notes or chords there should be an alternate raising and lowering of the wrist at regularly recurring periods. In the left-hand part of meas. 15-18 this change of elevation may be made at the beginning of each triplet, or, if more convenient, at the beginning of each measure. In the Introduction, at meas. 5, 11, and 13, it should be made at each triplet—first a low then a high wrist.

In meas. 19-22, and in all similar places, the first and second eighth-notes in both hands are joined smoothly, the second one being somewhat shortened. In meas. 47-77 the hands are very close together; the L. H. should be held in an almost vertical position, so that its longest finger (the third) may conveniently play its keys without interfering with the R. H. Care should be taken to hold the dotted half-notes in meas. 93-96 for their full time-value.

A pleasing rendering of the Study will be impossible unless the dynamic contrasts are strictly observed. As there is so much repetition, neglect of them will result in monotony.

General Instructions

DOUBLE NOTES: Passages written in double notes require the utmost care in fingering. In a *legato* passage especially incorrect or haphazard fingering is liable to lead to positions so awkward that it is impossible to continue the passage smoothly.

Unless otherwise indicated, each pair of notes should be played precisely together, and in *legato* passages they should connect so smoothly with the pair following that no break is apparent.

STACCATO: The actual shortness of *staccato* notes will depend upon the tempo of the composition and the kind of notes employed. For example:

	<i>written</i>	<i>played</i>	<i>written</i>	<i>played</i>
Slow tempo	$\frac{2}{4}$		$\frac{2}{8}$	
Rapid tempo	$\frac{2}{4}$		$\frac{2}{8}$	

It is important that the wrist be free from all stiffness and tension in *staccato* playing.

Glossary

<i>vivo</i>	pronounced	vē'-vō	(lively)
<i>quasi presto</i>	"	kwä'-zī prēs'-tō	(approaching a very fast tempo)
<i>moderato</i>	"	mōd-ě-rä'-tō	(at a moderate rate of speed)
<i>poco riten. (ritenuto)</i>	"	pō'-kō rē-tā-nōō'-tō	(a little slower)
<i>allegro giusto</i>	"	äl-lä'-grō jōōs'-tō	(quick and even)

Recitation Questions on Concone Etude, Op. 25, No. 1

1. What is the important requirement in this Study with regard to the wrist?
Ans.

2. What kind of touch should be used in the Study proper (from meas. 15), and how should the ascending figures be played?
Ans.

3. How may tension be avoided in playing repeated notes or chords?
Ans.

4. How may this be employed in meas. 15-18 (L. H.), and how in meas. 5, 11, and 13?
Ans.

5. How should the L. H. be held in meas. 47-77? Give a reason for your answer.
Ans.

6. How may a sense of monotony be avoided in this Study?
Ans.

7. What do the following terms mean: *vivo*, *quasi presto*, *moderato*, *poco ritenuto*, *allegro giusto*?
Ans.

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